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"Coated cosmetic powder".

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DESCRIPTION*

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The present invention refers to a coated cosmetic powder, in particular with Poly Hydroxi Alpha Acids, to a cosmetic composition that contains it and to the process for the preparation of the powder.

Cosmetic powders, both of organic as well as inorganic nature are a fundamental part in the preparation of make-up cosmetics, for instance make-up powders, eye shadows, foundation creams, lipsticks, etc. By applying these products on the skin a coloured film is formed that is aimed at hiding inaestheticisms, and at giving a visibly more attractive aspect.

This film is deposited on the surface of the skin, therefore the powders are directly in contact with the surface layers of the same. Such contact can interfere with the normal physiological activity of the skin, with possible consequences as unpleasant feeling on behalf of the user, and sometimes with irritating and occluding effects.

The skin is an essential organ of the human body, that is subject to external and internal influences by acting as a protecting organ (mechanical, thermal, physical, chemical protection) and is provided with extreme sensitivity.

It is therefore very important to know and to interpret deeply its needs, not only for decorative purposes but, above all according to modern make-up trends, it is necessary to protect it and to help it maintain itself young.

From approximately fifty years it has been known that one of the elements essential to these purposes is its natural content in humidity (N.M.F. Natural Moisture Factor), composed as follows:

Amino-acids 40,0%

PCA 12,0%

Lactate 12,0%

Urea 7,0%